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Joint Statement on Federal Decision to Continue Coverage for Certain Individual and Small Business Plans

PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island Health Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Hittner, M.D. and HealthSource RI Director Christine Ferguson today issued the following joint statement on yesterday's Federal decision to continue coverage through certain individual and small business plans that had been subject to cancellation under the Affordable Care Act:

"All plans available in 2014, whether through HealthSource RI or in the private market, have been through a rigorous review process designed to ensure that they meet the standards set forth in the Affordable Care Act. After reviewing the President's announcement, we have decided to continue in the direction we are going, and therefore will not be adopting the option made available to us by the President. We will continue to closely monitor any and all changes at the federal level that have the potential to impact Rhode Islanders."

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